

Requirements for a CWA Section 319(h) Grant

1. Documentation of Tribal eligibility
 - Treatment As a State (TAS)/ Financial Assistance Eligibility (FAE) Determination
 - Approved NPS Assessment Report and Management Program
2. Grant application (SF-424 and other Docs)

Nonfederal Match Requirements

- 319 grant requires a 40% nonfederal match of the total project cost
- 40% match imposes financial hardship
- EPA may approve a 10% nonfederal match
- A Tribe describes their particular need
- PPG: If the funds will go into a PPG, the match can be reduced to 5%

FY2007 – CWA Section 319 Grant Schedule

- Eligibility Determination Date – October 13, 2006
- Base grant work plan submittals due to EPA Regional office – December 1, 2006
- Competitive grant proposal work plan due to EPA Regional office – December 1, 2006
- EPA Headquarters notifies Regions and Tribes of project selections – March 5, 2007
- Final grant application due to EPA Regional office – April 5, 2007

Base Grant Funding Process

- Submit proposed work plan and budget to the Regional Office by December 1, 2006
- Work plan should include Required Six Elements
- Final grant application is due to the Regional Office by April 5, 2007

Competitive Funding Process

Tribes submit competitive grant proposals to Regional Office by December 1, 2006



Regions evaluate threshold criteria

- TAS/FAE Determination by October 13, 2006
- Approved NPS Assessment Report and Management Program Plan
- Provides match
- Maximum budget is \$150,000 of federal funds
- All activities are related to the waters on the Reservation
- Consistent with NPS Management Plan
- Workplan includes the six required elements

National Competitive Process

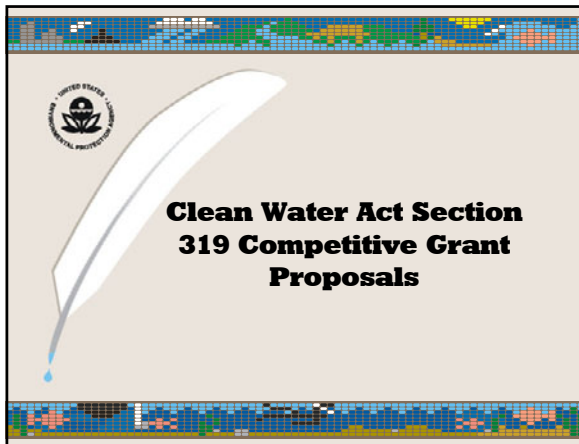
- Region determines proposal passes the threshold evaluation criteria
- Forwarded to EPA HQ for the national competition
- National review committee reviews the proposals
- Evaluates them based on the evaluation factors
- Forwards ranking scores to EPA HQ
- Evaluation factors based on 319 Guideline's selection criteria

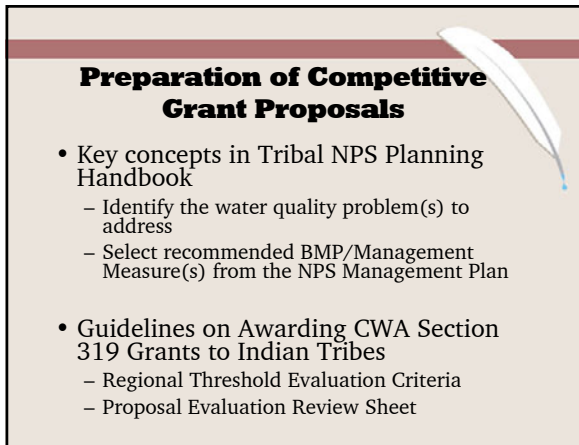
Competitive Process Action

- EPA HQ notifies Regions/Tribes of proposals selected for formal grant application by March 5, 2007
- Tribes submit final grant applications to Region by April 5, 2007
 - Cover letter
 - Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424)
 - Full work plan and budget

Award Process

- Base funds and competitive funds can be kept separately as two grants or combined together into one grant
- Region reviews final grant application for
 - Content
 - Completeness
 - Compliance with applicable guidelines and regulations
- Grant awarded by Summer 2007







Proposals must include detailed information which fully address the 2-Step Review Process:

- (1) Comply with the Regional Threshold Evaluation Criteria before being forwarded on to national competition.
- (2) The proposals are evaluated by the EPA Watershed Project Review Committee using nine evaluation factors.

**Regional Threshold Evaluation
Criteria Part I
Essential Workplan Elements**

- Applying for one competitive grant
- Applying up to a maximum budget of \$150,000 of Federal funds
- Provides the required match of the total project cost
- Propose to fund activities related to waters within the reservation

**Regional Threshold Evaluation
Criteria Part II
Essential Workplan Elements**

- Description of each significant category of NPS activity to be addressed;
- Work plan components;
- Work plan commitments for each work plan components (anticipated environmental outcomes and outputs);
- Estimated funding amounts for each work plan component;
- Roles and responsibilities of recipient and EPA in carrying out the work plan commitments

Ranking Committee Evaluation Review Sheet

Evaluation Factors	Weight	Score
<i>Rank with score of 0 to 5. (Weight x Value = Score) Maximum score 900.</i>		
The extent, and quality, to which the subcategories of NPS pollution are identified and described.	20	
The extent, and quality, to which the water quality problems or threats to be addressed are identified and described.	20	
The extent, and quality, to which the goals and objectives of the project specifically identify the project location and activities to be implemented.	20	
The extent to which significant water quality benefits will be achieved as a result of the project.	20	
The specificity of the budget in relation to each work plan component.	15	
The level of detail in relation to the schedule for achieving the activities in the work plan.	15	
The extent to which the roles and responsibilities of the recipient and project partners in carrying out the work plan activities are specifically identified.	15	
The extent to which the performance evaluation process include specific, measurable, and objective factors that are clearly linked to specific work plan activities throughout the project period and the anticipated environmental outcomes and outputs.	15	
The extent, and quality, to which the proposal addresses one of the four factors regarding the watershed-based plan and watershed project implementation.	40	

Evaluation Factor #1

- The extent, and quality, to which the subcategories of NPS pollution are identified and described.
 - Identifies sources at the subcategory level with estimates of the extent to which these subcategories are present in the watershed.
 - Example: X number of dairy cattle feedlots needing upgrading; Y rows of crops needing sediment control; or Z linear miles of eroded streambank needing remediation.

Evaluation Factor #2

- The extent, and quality, to which the water quality problems or threats to be addressed are identified and described.
 - Example: Specifically describes the water quality problems or threats in relation to impairments to water quality standards or other parameters that indicate stream health (decreases in fish or macroinvertebrate counts).

Evaluation Factor #3

- The extent, and quality, to which the goals and objectives of the project specifically identify the project location and activities to be implemented.
 - Specifically identifies where the NPS project will take place and the waterbody affected by the NPS pollutants (provides map).
 - Provides details on the specific activities that will be implemented (identifies specific BMPs/Management measures to be implemented).

Evaluation Factor #4

- The extent to which significant water quality benefits will be achieved as a result of the project.
 - Incorporate specific water quality-based goals that are linked to: water quality standards for one or more pollutants/uses; measurable, in-stream reductions in a pollutant; or improvements in a parameter that indicates stream health (e.g., increases in fish or macroinvertebrate counts).
 - If information is not available to make specific estimates, water quality-based goals may include narrative descriptions and best professional judgment based on existing information.

Evaluation Factor #5

- The specificity of the budget in relation to each work plan component.
 - Outlines total operational and construction costs of the project (including match).
 - Provides specifics of the budget in relation to each work plan component.
 - Budget categories may include, but not limited to: personnel; travel; equipment; supplies; contractual; and construction costs.

Evaluation Factor #6

- The level of detail in relation to the schedule for achieving the activities identified in the work plan.
 - Provides schedule of activities for each work plan component.
 - Identifies a specific “start” and “end” date for each work plan component.
 - Identifies an estimate of the specific work years for each work plan component.
 - Identifies the interim milestone dates for achieving each work plan component.
 - Indicates “readiness to proceed.”

Evaluation Factor #7

- The extent to which the roles and responsibilities of the recipient and project partners in carrying out the work plan activities are specifically identified.
 - Clearly defines the roles and responsibilities of each responsible party for each work plan component.
 - Defines specific level of effort for responsible parties for each work plan component.
 - Identifies parties who will take the lead in carrying out the work plan commitments.
 - Identifies other programs, parties, and agencies that will provide additional technical and/or financial assistance.

Evaluation Factor #8

- The extent to which the performance evaluation process includes specific, measurable, and objective factors that are clearly linked to specific work plan activities throughout the project period and anticipated environmental outcomes and outputs.
 - Quarterly Reporting
 - Before and After photos
 - Water Quality data

Evaluation Factor #8 Examples

- NRCS and Environmental Trust will monitor riparian recovery with photo monitoring points. We already have a GPS integrated digital camera that we use for this.
- Environmental Trust will continue to monitor Joe Moses Creek, Buffalo Creek, Rebecca Creek, Owhi Creek, Little Nespelem River, and Peter Dan Creek for turbidity, pH, dissolved oxygen, flow, temperature, coliform bacteria, and conductivity. We will have “before and after” data.

Evaluation Factor #9

- The extent, and quality, to which the proposal addresses one of the following four factors:
 - (1) The proposed work plan develops a watershed-based plan and implements a watershed-based plan.
 - (2) The proposed work plan develops a watershed-based plan and implements a watershed project (that does not implement a watershed-based plan).
 - (3) The proposed work plan implements a watershed-based plan.
 - (4) The proposed work plan implements a watershed project that is a significant step towards solving NPS impairments or threats on a watershed-wide basis.

- Your competitive project proposal is now ready to be submitted for competition
- Tribes submit final competitive grant proposals to Region by December 1, 2006
